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The Continued Calls

Upon the Ledger for free notices have become so numerous that we are forced to publish the following notice:

For Notices of Successors

Successors, heirs, or other public entertainers where a fee is charged, and for obituary notices, readmissions of eyes, etc. This Ledger will charge five cents a line, and brevity will be the invariable rule. This, however.

Does Not Include

Notice of Lodge meetings or Church services, which must not exceed ten lines.

Avoidance of Disputes

Misunderstandings are unpleasant. The rule for business notices is the first insertion and a cent a line for the second. A customer orders a five-line notice in the paper. "I'll tell you when to take it out," he says to the bookkeeper. "I'll tell you when to take it out," he says to the bookkeeper. "I'll tell you when to take it out," he says to the bookkeeper.

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mailed in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.



Dr. M. H. Davis of Mayville is in

the city today.

Horace C. Wilson leaves at noon today

for Center College.

Mr. J. M. Lane and daughter, Miss

May, have returned from Indianapolis.

Miss Emma Schenck returned last night

from a visit to the Misses Branton of Cleveland.

Miss Grace Ward of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,

is the charming guest of Miss Anna Donnell.

Mr. Charles Walz of Nevada, Mo., is

visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Gibson of January street.

Mrs. A. M. Fife of Lincoln, Ind., is the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Clinger of the Sixth Ward.

Mr. Harry Richardson, one of the

Chicks in the Postoffice, is visiting friends at Covington, and Mr. Thomas Green, Jr., is filling his place.

Mrs. James Fitzgerald and Mrs. James

Dunn, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weber of Lexington, have returned home.

Hon. Charles H. Dougherty left this

morning for Chicago, where his daughters return to school, after which he will return to his home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Schwartz and daughter

Katharine have returned from Cincinnati, accompanied by Miss Ida May Weber of Newport, who will be their guest for a few weeks.

The Keystone State, on her up-trip,

had her hull badly cut by the ice.

The venerable John H. Perkins of

Kenton county, well known in this city, died Monday. He was 87 years of age.

The surviving veterans of the First and

Second Kentucky Regiments celebrated the thirty-second anniversary of the battle of Stone River at Cincinnati Monday night.

Prayer-meeting at the Central Presbyterian

Church, this evening at 7 o'clock. It is requested that the members of the church be present, as this is the most interesting meeting of the week.

Miss Ethel Murphy entertained the

Junior Club, of which she is a member, last evening at her home on Vine street. Quite a number responded to the invitations sent out, and a delightful time was spent.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad

has running trains late Cincinnati yesterday over the Cincinnati Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio from Kenova. This arrangement will doubtless prove very satisfactory to shippers along the line of that road.

Mr. E. W. Armstrong of McGaheyville

has the misfortune to get his thumb badly sawed on Wednesday while working at Ellis & Coyner's factory. — *Waynesboro, Va. Herald.*

Mr. Armstrong was formerly a

resident of this city, having been an employee of the Mayville Manufacturing Company, and his many friends will be sorry to hear of his mishap.

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The proper thing while coasting is a

mug of Hot Soda at Tiro. C. P. Wain.

All the boats have withdrawn from the

trade temporarily, owing to the heavy ice.

There were 141 business failures in

Lexington last year, with liabilities of \$1,800,000.

Peyton Illinois, colored, was fined \$3

and costs in the Police Court yesterday for using insulting and abusive language.

After today the old military post at

Newport will be a memory, the barracks having been abandoned. The grounds will be converted into a park.

I know who took the Florence Comb

and thrust from case in my store. Return it the same way you took it and save trouble. Tiro. C. P. Wain.

The Globe Laundry has removed to its

new building, Commerce street. Office at Harry Taylor's. Goods will be called for and delivered in any part of the city.

For the first time in the history of Hen-

derson county the county has a Republican County Attorney. His name is Will J. Peters and Saturday he took the oath of office.

John DeCamp, the well known steam-

boat furnisher at Cincinnati, who has been identified with the steamboat matters along the Ohio river for the past forty years, died at his home Monday of pneumonia, aged 75 years.

Mr. James Chandler of Lawrence

Creed died yesterday at half-past 4 of pneumonia. Funeral tomorrow at 11:30 at Brick Church, Lawrence Creek, by Rev. Hall. He was 68 years of age and had been living at his present home about 67 years. He leaves a wife and two children.

The old contest over the prohibition

election at Bowling Green will be heard in the Court of Appeals March 23d. An election was held in the spring of '92, just after Sam Jones had shaken the Park City up as it never had been before, and as a result the town went dry by a few votes. The "wets" contested the election on the ground that it was unconstitutional and held no record for it. The Contesting Board decided in favor of the "wets" and it was appealed to the Circuit Court. Judge W. E. Settle sustained the lower court. An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals. The decision is awaited with no little interest, for it will settle the question of whether or not whisky can be sold in certain towns of the state.

I. O. O. F. OFFICERS.

An Election at Mayfield and Installation in This City.

Mason Lodge No. 381, I. O. O. F., May-

field, elected the following officers last night: N. G. Seymour, M. Mayfield, W. H. Killebrew, Secretary—E. C. Pogue. Treasurer—John Mayfield. Host—Charles H. Pogue.

DeKalb Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F., in-

stalled the following officers last night: N. G. Joseph, M. Johnson, W. G. Allen, Secretary—John W. Thompson. Treasurer—Robert A. Cochran. Librarian and Host—John W. Thompson.

Conductor—Thomas M. Luman.

O. G. W. R. Smith, I. G. Howard R. Chadr. Warden—George H. Frank. The William H. Cox, L. S. N. G. W. Russell, Weller. R. S. V. G. William T. Cole. R. S. Y. G. John H. Orr, Jr. R. S. S. C. P. Dietrich. L. S. S. John W. Clinger. R. P. G. Fred W. Bettsman. Relief Committee—Thomas A. Davis, William T. Cole, George H. Frank, W. G. Allen, Orydon's Committee—Joseph H. Dodson, W. C. Pelham, Thomas M. Luman. Real Estate Committee—William H. Cox, R. A. Cochran, M. C. Russell.

A Privet-cess.

It was indeed gratifying to note the marked increase in the attendance at the Opera-house last evening to hear Robinson's Opera Company's charming rendition of that truly beautiful opera, "The Climes of Normandy," and those who fell to attend missed a dramatic as well as a musical treat. Charles Holmes, the sweet tenor, again delighted his hearers. Miss Liane Gonzalez, as Germaine, excited the admiration of all. The work of Frank D. Nelson, as Gaspard the Miser, was exceedingly strong. He was given a curtain call. The clever work of Frank French also deserves especial mention. The Robinsians will present tonight prime farcical and tuneful opera, "Giro-Giro-Giro."

Bugars are similar to other people—

they like to be asked, and when they see an advertisement in THE LEDGER they naturally regard it as an invitation to call. No one likes to go where he is not invited or wanted.

TIMELY APPEAL.

THE WORK AND WANTS OF THE COUNTRY SET FORTH.

A Christmas Prayer to Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, by His Servants, the People.

Our Almighty wise and all seeing Grover, the ruler of mankind and the mold of the destiny of Nations, who is Washington doth dwell.

We come to thee with bleeding hearts, scattered prospects and ruined homes, this Christmas eve, knowing thy tender ness, thy mercy, and thy sympathy for the deprived, the ragged, hungry, starving and bartered humanity. The Lord said, and thou shalt receive. We do ask, we come to thee, Lord Grover, thanking thee for the many blessings thou has conferred upon us, when we so little deserved them. We thank thee for our depravity, our half-civilized ways and children, our empty landers, our empty cellars, for the old fallow and carpeted floor. We thank thee, as well as our Congress, for our ideas, for our inability to do work or bread. We thank thee, oh Grover, that thou permit us to roam the streets and public highways, barefooted and half naked in mid-winter, begging for food. We, thy children, thank thee, oh Grover, that thou permit us to sit up all night patching and mending our clothes, while we lay in bed and listen to the sweet musical voices of our hungry and shivering children crying for bread, crying for warmth, crying for toys and comforts, which fills our hearts with praise and adoration for thee.

We thank thee for the forcefulness of the spirit upon our homes, for the inability to pay taxes or rent. We thank thee for our groceryman refusing us the necessities of life. We thank thee, oh Lord Grover, for the idle workshops and for the many handicrafts all over our land. We thank thee for the poverty, murder, prostitution and crime, thou hast sent upon us bearing thy trademark. We thank thee for ninety cents a day in stead of two dollars. We thank thee for fifty cents per bushel for wheat, for ninety cents per bushel for corn. We thank thee for the Sugar Trust, the Whisky Trust, the Coal Oil Trust, and all other combinations of the rich to rob the producer and the poor.

Oh, Almighty Grover, how kind thou art to us, we pray thee for a continuance of all these blessings. We know how faithful thou hast been to the grand old party, to our country and her people, and how faithful we have been to thee. We beg thee and implore thee, oh Grover, to come before the people again for re-election in '96, for we cannot do without thee, and thou knowest how humble we will be when thou pulst the string that we may dance, while thou shalt, swim and crack champagne bottles for us. We pray thee for your swollen foot, we feel the deepest sympathies for thy affliction.

We pray to thee to impede any and every attempt of Congress to better the condition of the country or the people.

We pray thee for Free Government for all time, for state rights, that all the out banding force of whatever form it may be shall be made redeemable in gold and thus add to the luster of our great and noble party so indelibly written in the hearts of the people. We pray thee, oh Almighty Grover, to lend thy energy and power to wreck that monster movement of the people for reform. We pray thee to wreck and destroy that hell-born, un-American organization, called the A. P. A., that is striving to save our country and institutions from wreck and ruin, and all other organizations favoring education and reform.

Perpetrate strikes, bankruptcies, misery and woe, fix them as a seal upon the hearts of the people for all time to come. We pray thee to bless us with plenty of cold, bitter winter and snow, that we may more fully realize the blessings bestowed by our Lord Grover, and our party. We ask thee to be true to us, to our party, the Trusts and all forms of monopolies against the people.

We pray thee, Almighty Grover, to stand firmly by Hoke Smith, and bless him for the thousands of soldiers and widows' pensions taken from them. We pray thee to stand every Union soldier and guide us through all the hardships of prosperity. Shield us from the tortures of comfort and happiness. We beseech thee, our Most Honored and esteemed Lord of our party, to bring war and pestilence upon the people, while the Nation trembles before thee, fortunately by and through such blessings, can we be made to realize thy power and greatness to do good. We feel the need of armed forces to hold the people in subordination to thee, that they may be corralled around the over-filled granaries of the Trusts and monopolies and starve and freeze in the midst of plenty.

We would ask thee, our Lord Grover, to bless us, bless our children with an empty and blank Christmas, permit them to view the tempting shop windows with tears of blessings for thee in their eyes; let them look with eager eyes and aching hearts at the children of the monopolists who go away heavy laden with all that money can afford. What a comfort, what a blessing thou hast provided for the poor! What happy hearts will beat in the breasts of our children Christmas morning when they arise to find that St. Nicholas has passed them by!

We pray thee, our Lord and Master Grover, to send no Ministers or diplomats to any foreign ports that will not pull down the American Flag, oppose all republics, aid and abet all monarchies, swallow any and all insults from foreign powers; all this will go to embellish thy record and that of our grand old party.

We would ask thee, Lord Grover, to keep the bonds of gentleness and forbearance for the people to endure, protect Carolina's bond incubator, for a public debt is a public blessing.

In conclusion, we implore thee, Lord Grover, to avail yourself of the opportunity, the license, the privilege, the right for the people to endure, protect Carolina's bond incubator, for a public debt is a public blessing.

Build it wide and high, that far-off Nations may see and learn to honor and adore us as we your servants do.

Build it of the wrecked industries of our country, the license, crime, suicide and murder. Plute the outside with misery and woe, make the capstone of your own mistakes, and upon it place the statue of ex Queen Lilliputian.

Inscribe in bold letters around the base, the names of the great men of the country, the defenders of our country, that thy kindness and love for country, her people and heroes, may become the watchword of the Nation.

Embellish the monument with the piteous moans and tears of the mothers and babes.

Around this monument build a fence with the wrecked humanity and homes of the Nation.

And when the monument is complete, we pray thee, Lord Grover, to appoint a day for the unveiling and dedication, call together the people whose ruin bears the imprint of your wise, just and unparalleled Administration, that all may realize how much they have done to honor thee, when the hour arrives, with thy own hand remove the veil of trust, confidence, pomp and glory, and with the tears of an outraged people baptize the gift so deserving and meritorious won, in thy name.

Thus we ask in the name of America.

We pray thee, O our Lord Grover, to be with us and bless us, and when we have asked this miserable life here on earth if it is thy will to preserve us hereafter, in keeping with the present, so let it be, for thou knowest best. We praise and adore thee, Lord Grover, as the greatest political monarchy on earth, and the greatest accident that ever befell a Nation. We wish and around us until March 4, 1897.

(D.) W. W. T. (C.) P. (M) Cincinnati, Dec. 20th, 1894.

CREMATED.

Three Persons Perish in Flames at Lancaster, Ky.

One Escaped, but is So Prostrated and Crazed With Grief

That the Ten May Fire—Finnish had Outlasted How Broadway That the Volunteer Fire Company Could Not Check Them—Hodies Have Not Been Recovered.

DANVILLE, Ky., Jan. 2.—One of the most distressing occurrences in Kentucky was the burning of Ed Pascoe, his baby boy and mother-in-law, Mrs. Masters, at Lancaster, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Pascoe escaped death from the flames, but is so prostrated and crazed from grief that her life, too, may be added to the list, and make the ruin complete.

They were the only occupants of the Miller hotel building, a three-story frame, that was completely destroyed.

The house was discovered to be on fire between 5 and 6 o'clock, but the flames had gained such headway that the volunteer fire company was unable to save it.

The fire must have started in the cellar, and smoldered all through the night, as the house was filled with kerosene, which was so burning fast that the firemen could not enter the front rooms of the second floor to search for the victims.

Shortly after the crowd arrived Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe were seen struggling at a front window. James Hamilton put a ladder up and took Mrs. Pascoe out, but could not sell her husband. It seems that he took the baby and started for a stairway, and was overcome by the heat and smoke. Mrs. Masters was in another room and was never seen.

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WHITE HOUSE.

Reception Given by President and Mrs. Cleveland.

Cleveland Was at Home on New Years to all the World.

The Representatives of Foreign Nations Greeted the President in the Name of Their Rulers. Diplomats and a Breakfast at Secretary Fish's.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The president was at home to all the world who chose to visit the white house Tuesday, and with his official family repeated the annual lesson in the simplicity and impressiveness of American republic institutions in the United States.

The representatives of foreign powers, in the splendor of their court dress, greeted the president in the name of their rulers. The army and navy paid their respects to their commander-in-chief; the members of congress to their executive; the federal officials to the head of the government and the public at large to the chief citizen of the nation.

In major details alone did Tuesday's reception differ from any of its predecessors since Gen. Washington, the first president, officially inaugurated the national ceremony in New York nearly one hundred and forty years ago. The old Dutch custom so pleased him that he inquired whether it was an established or a casual one, and being informed that the day was always honored in New York, he exclaimed:

"Whatever course takes place, never forget this cordial and cheerful observance of New Year's day."

Immediately following the president's reception the secretary of state entertained the diplomatic corps at breakfast, the secretary of war received the army, the secretary of navy opened his home to the navy and until nearly official visiting was the rule throughout the capital.

The interior of the white house was decorated Tuesday very much as it usually is upon the occasion of official functions, with masses of palms, ferns and other potted plants about the parlors, banks of flowers on the mantels, and curtains of sunbleached before the mirrors. The oval blue room, where the receiving party stood, was profusely adorned, and all the rooms were illuminated by the electric lights.

The weather was clear and bright with brilliant sunshine. The approaches to the executive mansion were occupied by a double column of army and navy officers, wearing away from the portico beyond the gates, the red-tasseled helmets of the artillery, the yellow of the cavalry, the white of the infantry, the gold-plumed chaplains of the navy, showed distinctly above the sea of dark blue uniform re-emphasized with gold trimmings, and beneath the great portiere curtains, arranged rapidly deposited the brilliantly attired members of the diplomatic corps along the streets, descending down the side streets, stood long lines of organizations and private citizens awaiting their turn to shake the president's hand. Treading into the city in the morning, the president's carriage, with its remaining space within sight of the white house were thousands who had been attracted by the gay scene.

FOSTER'S MISSION.

Diplomats Unable to Heed its Exact Character.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Speculation in diplomatic circles is active regarding the mission of Mr. Foster, who will figure in the negotiations between the two belligerent powers. It is thought unlikely that he will take part in the conference, as to do so he must be appointed by China plenipotentiary, and doubt is expressed whether under international usages a foreigner could be appointed a conferee for either side.

If not commissioned as a plenipotentiary he might be present at the negotiations in the subordinate capacity of secretary, but it is doubted whether a diplomat who has been secretary of state and United States minister to foreign nations would care to play an inferior part.

To Form a Chinese Rights League.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Hon. J. C. Manning, of Montgomery, Ala., has received communications from people throughout the land urging him to call together representatives from all of the southern states, for the purpose of organizing an Italian-Rights League. Mr. Manning will soon issue a call for a conference of those favoring the movement to meet at New Orleans, January 18, 1905.

Hits For Gun Carriages.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Bids have been called at the war department for supplying nine or more disappearing gun carriages for the ten-inch coast defense rifles. Among the bids were the following: William Todd & Co., of New York, \$17,000; one in five months and one every six weeks; Wagon Engineering Co., Alliance, O., \$19,775, one in four months, then one per month. As the time of delivery is an important factor, some calculation is necessary before an award can be made.

Invitations to Official Receptions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President and Mrs. Cleveland have just issued fifteen hundred invitations to persons in official and social life for the series of four receptions, to the diplomatic corps, army and navy, judiciary and senators, and representatives in congress, which it is the custom to give yearly. The first will be given on January 10. These receptions are always popular and the invitations highly valued.

Small-Pox at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—There were no deaths and only one new case of small-pox reported at the capital Monday. Joseph Brannon and Wm. Jones, colored men, were victims of the epidemic. The new case is that of Willie Watson, an eleven-year-old colored girl.

NEW YEAR'S TRAGEDY.

Unruly, Frivolous and Sincere of an Insane Man.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.—The new year was ushered in here with a double murder, the victims being Mrs. Cora Trumbley and her eight-month-old baby. The murderer is Daniel J. Trumbley, the husband of the victim.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday morning an alarm of fire called the fire department to 911 Ketchum street, the residence of Daniel J. Trumbley. After a hard fight the fire was gotten under control. On entering a bedroom downstairs, Mrs. Trumbley was found lying on the bed with her throat partially severed. Her throat was cut from ear to ear, and the bed clothing was covered with blood.

At the foot of the bed was found her baby. The child had evidently been smothered, as no marks of violence were found on the body.

Trumbley is about 28 years of age. He was formerly a prosperous fish dealer, and afterward went into the lumber business. For the past two years he has been showing evidence of insanity. After cutting his wife's throat Trumbley started the bed clothing with kerosene and then fired at it.

Trumbley had another child, a boy of ten years, whom he left at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Trumbley. This was the last seen of the murderer. After the discovery of the crime Tuesday morning search was begun for Trumbley, and at 11:30 o'clock his body was found in a well at Essexville, a suburb of New City. He had committed suicide by drowning.

LYING IN STATE.

The Body of Mr. John Thompson Reached the Capital.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 2.—H. M. S. Blenheim, with the body of the late Sir John Thompson on board, arrived at the harbor at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in a rainstorm, and ran almost opposite the York harbor before the first minute gun announced her approach. The ship, which had been waiting along the water front in a steady torrent of rain from early morning.

The coffin was taken from the steamer by eight sergeants of the royal engineers and placed upon a gun carriage, to which were attached four teams of horses. Two hundred men from the king's regiment formed a guard of honor to the right and left of the carriage. The procession was headed by the band of the king's regiment, and followed by all the military and militia dignitaries, proceeded to the parliament building, where the body is now lying in state in the executive council chamber. All along the line of the procession, despite the tremendous rainstorm, the streets were lined with twelve deep with the rubber-coated crowd of anxious sight-seers.

A Banner Orange Sale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—P. J. Balducci has closed a contract with the Earl Fruit Co., of Los Angeles, for his crop of oranges in the Santa Anita district, estimated at 130,000 bushels. Mr. Balducci will receive for the crop in the neighborhood of \$300,000. This probably is the largest orange sale ever made in California.

Fatal Pullman Collision.

BATH, Me., Jan. 2.—As the Pullman train approached Bath station Tuesday morning, it struck and killed a man and injured several others.

A Mississippi Translocation.

MEMPHIS, Miss., Jan. 2.—Information from the association of Wm. Bradford by Z. T. Balkman in Kemper county, Saturday night, reached Memphis Tuesday. The feeling in the county is so bad that Balkman and one report has it that Balkman has been lynched.

Cheaper Plate Glass.

INTERDEN, Jan. 2.—Beginning Tuesday a cut of twenty per cent. will be made in the price of plate glass by the Diamond Plate Glass Co., of Kokomo, Ind., and of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. This is caused by the fact that plate glass companies are failing to form a combination.

Coming to See Cleveland.

LEWIS, N. J., Jan. 2.—The morning Post of Wednesday, has a friendly leader on the mission of William Bradford Crozer, a member of the American Association of Presidents, to visit Cleveland and Congress in favor of the arbitration of all disputes between England and the United States.

Found an Oil Well.

PORT ARTHUR, Ind., Jan. 2.—An oil well it, Jackson, owned by Emerson Drilling, drilled in and is flowing forty barrels an hour. The well was only drilled twenty feet in the sand and had to be shut down until more tanks are erected.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Saltered From All Parts of the World by Telegrams.

The Delaware legislature organized Tuesday. Wm. I. Strong was inducted into the office of mayor at New York City New Year's.

Tests made with a motor cycle in Germany show that a speed of fifteen miles an hour can be attained with it on the road.

Sam H. Conners, a car inspector on the C. & D. road, Cincinnati, was literally cut to pieces at 6 o'clock Tuesday night.

Hamilton Fish was nominated on the first ballot, speaker in the New York assembly caucus Tuesday night, receiving 73 votes.

Gov. Rich entered upon his second term as governor of Michigan Tuesday. All the other state officers were sworn and entered upon their duties.

Wm. McMillen, a Pittsburgh laborer, cut his wife's head almost off with a hatchet, and then cut his own throat with a razor, Monday morning.

Hon. Levi F. Morton was inaugurated governor of New York Tuesday. For the first time in fifteen years a republican chief executive presides at Albany.

The stables and woodsheds at a large dairy farm near Voodenerville, Va., were Tuesday destroyed by fire. Many horses and cattle are reported to have perished in the flames.

At Altoona, Ont., Miss Belle Armstrong, a wealthy young lady, jumped from a moving train and broke her neck. Her father witnessed the accident and the shock drove him insane.

Paul Alexander, son of A. M. Alexander, ex-member of congress from the Paris (Mo.) district, died of heart disease Tuesday. His body was found in a pasture near Kansas City. He was 35 years old.

Patrick H. Gibson, well known both as a journalist and insurance man, died Tuesday, rather unexpectedly, at Richmond, Va., though he had been in poor health for a long time. He was 60 years old.

A dispatch from Shanghai received in Paris states that the whole British squadron in British waters has been suddenly ordered to proceed to the blockading of China. New developments are impending.

It is reported that the Tonghai rebels in the Korean province of Chollado have founded a new kingdom, named Kaikaa. It is added that a member of the Ming family has been enthroned as emperor.

The Joslyn building, in which the post office is located, at West Winfield, Berkeley county, N. Y., burned. The ruins are visible at 3000 feet. The buildings were either destroyed or badly including a bank.

E. D. Potter, a leading furniture dealer of Berkeley, W. Va., was killed Tuesday morning while crossing the river Monongahela to cut a hole to measure the thickness of the ice, and fell in and was drowned. He was thirty-eight years old and leaves a family.

Mr. Tonghai of the Chinese legation, San Monday that he thought it possible that the emperor had relieved Veeroy Li Lung Cheng of his civil duties for the present, desiring him to devote his entire attention to military operations.

Fire at Port Tampa, Fla., at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning destroyed twenty-five freight cars loaded with phosphate, two express cars, two passenger coaches, one mail car, and the entire sheds of the South Florida railroad, operated by the Plant system. Origin of fire unknown.

The Tannia and Michigan Tunnel Co. will apply next session for power to construct a railway bridge across the river to Detroit at the point where they are already empowered to construct a tunnel. It is the intention to build a draw bridge, the spans to be not less than 1,000 feet.

LOWER WAGES.

Cotton Growers in Mississippi to Reduce the Pay of Fieldhands.

MEMPHIS, Miss., Jan. 2.—The cotton planters of the Mississippi Delta have concluded a convention at Natchez at which steps were taken to fix a scale of wages for cotton hands all over the state. Resolutions were passed fixing the pay of best male labor at fifty cents per day and the best class of female labor at forty cents per day. Not more than \$2 per month, with rations, will be paid the best labor, and crops should be laid by a maximum of \$1.50 per acre. Plans will at once be formed throughout the state, having for their object the reduction of the wages of the negroes.

Col. John R. Cameron, now a candidate for governor; John Willis and Dr. A. J. Phelps, three of the most prominent men in the state, are giving the movement their indorsement.

Prisoners on Escaping the New Year.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 2.—The New Year inmates of the city jail escaped Monday night by digging through the outside wall. The corridor at the rear of the field, about four miles away, and spent the night in drinking and celebrating the new year. Five of them hired a car and returned Tuesday morning, and demanded admittance to the jail to complete their sentences. They were pretty drunk, and appeared annoyed the joke they had played upon the officers. Will Nickens, a prisoner, is still at large.

A Hanging is Probable.

EXETER, N. H., Jan. 2.—Joe Roundtree, a Negro, was last night hanged and burned his hide down on her to complete his murderous attempt. The woman did not burn up completely. Sheriff Anderson landed the Negro in jail. Excitement among the Negroes grows almost uncontrollable.

Big Defiant Warlord.

LEWIS, N. J., Jan. 2.—Information from O'Neil, N. H., says that the ex-translator, who stole nearly \$400,000 from Holt county, and who is out on bail, was waylaid and murdered.

USE OF THE KOLA-NUT.

European Nations Adding It to Their Army Supplies.

Its Force-Promoting and Life-Preserving Properties Have Been Proven in the United States—Product of the Dark Continent.

Reuben Gordon, Emu Pasha and the Matabele war, the opening of the "Dark Continent" has contributed to the progress of humanity the kola-nut. Within a few years says the New York Post, it has passed from the narrow function of detestable barbarism to an extensive service of civilized man.

Kaiser Wilhelm the Younger, ever alert to discover additional means of preserving the peace of Europe, inferred from the exhaustive reports of laborious German chemists, physiologists and therapeutists that it would prodigiously increase the fighting capacity of his soldiers, and immediately ordered it to be stored in his palace.

Germany, the French republic, determined that its brother of Germany should not beat it an inch to the goal of peace, promptly placed the kola-nut in the compass of its military establishment. Thereupon generous Russia stimulated Austria and Italy to do likewise; whereupon the contagion of the philistine empire spread to the Balkans. Mountain climbers were as quick as peace preservers to recognize the battle-sustaining properties of kola and nearly all the Alpine states in Europe have made it a part of their dietetic equipment. And finally its force-promoting and life-saving qualities have won for it secure admission to the medical pharmacopoeia both abroad and in this country. It is, however, much less known and used here than there.

A marvelous property of endowing its user with power to endure severe and prolonged physical exertion without taking food and without feeling fatigue, is the particular virtue which has attracted attention to kola. Travelers' tales to this effect, at first regarded to the realm of the fabulous, were finally followed and confirmed by scientific investigation. Among the latest European investigators are Prof. E. Heckel, Prof. F. Schlegelhaufen and Dr. Leon Ernest Monnet, and from their authoritative reports a general material of the present article is mainly derived.

Prof. Heckel tells us that the negroes in tropical Africa walk twenty to thirty miles a day with nothing to eat but one fresh kola-nut, and that he has been amazed as surprising a feat upon a diet of dry kola. He relates the experience of two army officers who, while ascending the nearly nine thousand feet of Mount Camgou, limited their food to a quantity of kola and a few fresh kola-nuts, and that he has been amazed as surprising a feat upon a diet of dry kola. He relates the experience of two army officers who, while ascending the nearly nine thousand feet of Mount Camgou, limited their food to a quantity of kola and a few fresh kola-nuts, and that he has been amazed as surprising a feat upon a diet of dry kola.

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